



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1038

LCO No. 3267

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBSIDIZED
GUARDIANSHIP.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17a-126 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2005*):

4 (b) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall establish a
5 program of subsidized guardianship for the benefit of children in the
6 care or custody of the commissioner who are living with relative
7 caregivers and who have been in foster care or certified relative care
8 for not less than eighteen months. The commissioner, within available
9 appropriations, may establish a program of subsidized guardianship
10 for the benefit of children in the care or custody of the commissioner
11 who are living with relative caregivers and who have been in foster
12 care or certified relative care for not less than [twelve] six but not more
13 than eighteen months. A relative caregiver may request a guardianship
14 subsidy from the commissioner. If adoption of the child by the relative
15 caregiver is an option, the commissioner shall counsel the caregiver
16 about the advantages and disadvantages of adoption and subsidized

- 17 guardianship so that the decision by the relative caregiver to request a
18 subsidized guardianship may be a fully informed one.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	17a-126(b)
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Statement of Purpose:

To permit the Department of Children and Families to allow children living with relatives who have been in foster or certified relative care for less than twelve months to be eligible for a subsidy within six months of placement.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]